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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/27/2007

SPONSOR M. H. Garcia LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 137

SHORT TITLE Expand NMSU NCAA Programs SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST McOlash

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$270.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to the NMSU Athletic Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act.

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

New Mexico State University (NMSU)  
Higher Education Department (HED)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 137 appropriates \$270,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of NMSU for expenditure in FY 2008 to expand the programs approved by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$270,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY 2008 shall revert to the General Fund.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

In July 2006, NMSU Athletics assumed responsibility for the academic support program for

student-athletes at NMSU in order to ensure compliance with the NCAA's new measurement for academic success, the Academic Progress Report (APR). This funding will allow NMSU Athletics to provide student-athletes with the best opportunity to succeed academically. And, the funding for the women's programs will allow NMSU Athletics to support the department's objective of having an equitable, diverse and competitive athletics program.

The Higher Education Department reports his allocation would fund two additional positions; an Academic Athletic Advisor and a Life Skills Coordinator, along with operational expenses associated with both positions. Remaining funds would support four additional FTE for women's track, basketball and volleyball, as well as men's and women's golf. The goal of this expansion is to meet the academic athletic requirements set by the NCAA.

This proposal was submitted to the HED by NMSU but was not included in the Department's funding recommendation for FY08.

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